

# PERCENT OF KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE CHILDREN WHO ARE FULLY IMMUNIZED

## Objective

By 1990, at least 95 percent of children attending licensed day care facilities and kindergarten through 12th grade should be fully immunized.

## Explanatory Notes

Trend data available for N.C. are for kindergarten and first grade children, thus are not strictly comparable to the national objective. For both the state and the nation in 1980-86, the minimum requirements were the same: three doses of DTP, three doses of OPV, one dose of measles, and one dose of rubella vaccine. Beginning in 1987, North Carolina's immunization law was changed to require five DTP, four OPV, one measles, one rubella, and one mumps vaccine for children entering kindergarten and first grade.

## Findings

North Carolina's children far exceeded the national objective for immunization except in 1987, when requirements changed.

## Related National Year 2000 Objectives

- o Expand immunization laws for schools, preschools, and day care settings to all states for all antigens.
- o Increase to 90 percent the proportion of primary care providers who provide information and counseling about immunizations and offer immunizations as appropriate for their patients.

## Data Sources

North Carolina: Communicable Disease Section, Division of Epidemiology